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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cultivation and production of mustard recorded during each of the last three years vis-Ã -vis the current years; and

(b) the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the shortage of mustard oilseeds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Table below gives the area under cultivation and production of Rapeseed and Mustard in the country from 2003-04 to 2006-07:

Year	Area (`000 Hectares)	Production (`000 Tonnes)
2003-04	5428.1	6291.4
2004-05	7316.4	7593.1
2005-06	7276.5	8131.2
2006-07	6332.0	6694.0

3rd advance estimates as on 04.04.2007

(b): The overall demand-supply gap of edible oils is met through imports. However, for increasing the production of oilseeds, including mustard, a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place from 01.04.2004. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets and farmers training. The Budget 2007-08 announced proposals to expand the ISOPOM.